लिए कोयला कंपनियों द्वारा कई उपाय किए जाते हैं, जिनमें बंद पड़ी खानों को सील करना तथा जब कभी भी ऐसे मामले उसके ध्यान में आते हैं तो उनकी संबंधित पुलिस स्टेशन में रिपोर्ट दर्ज कराया जाना शामिल है। अतः सरकार द्वारा कोयला कंपनियों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई किए जाने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है।

Green Channel Treatment to Exporters

*245. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn up a scheme for providing Green Channel treatment to exporters;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) what is the number of exporters who are likely to be benefited from the scheme; and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (d) The green-channel facility for exemption from examination of export cargo is presently available in respect of the following categories of exports :

(i) Export consignments which have been examined and sealed by central excise officers or by agencies, such as, the Central Silk Board, Textile Committee, Export Inspection Agencies, etc.

(ii) Export consignments (other than those relating to exports under the DEEC Scheme) belonging to established exporters having an unblemished record. The Star Trading Houses, recognised Export Houses etc. who have an unblemished track record would be covered under this category.

(iii) In respect of other export consignments also (other than those relating to exports under Drawback and DEEC Scheme) routine 100 per cent examination has been dispensed with.

These export consignments are not subjected to routine 100 per cent examination and only random checks are carried out on them.

The green channel for clearance of cargo at the examination stage of the goods has been introduced by the Government with respect of specified categories of importers like Government departments, public sector undertakings and private importers having an unblemished record for the import of selected commodities. Besides, self-assessment scheme has also been introduced available to these categories of importers whereby they themselves can assess the goods, determine the duty leviable and on that basis pay the same.

With a view to expedite imports and exports, there is a proposal to extend a sort of self-declaration based Green Channel facility to genuine exporters. It is proposed to extend this facility initially to the select categories of recognised exporters, namely, Export Houses, Trading Houses, Star Trading Houses, units in the Export Processing Zone and winners of national awards for outstanding export performance. The proposal seeks to extend the coverage of the existing facility.

Implementation of Essential Commodities Act in the States

*246. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have either suspended or are not implementing the Essential Commodities Act ;

(b) if so the details thereof;